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# MONEY OWED TO SRP BY JVB:

\$250.00	one-half purchase price (\$500) of Chevy Nomad
44.50	one-half of cost of insurance (\$89) on Chevy Nomad for six months
40.50	one-half of cost of registration (\$81) of Chevy Nomad
15.00	balance due on loan from first NYC trip
26.00	balance due on loan from second NYC trip
\$376.00	

JVB:

I'm not in any hurry, but I do expect you to pay this debt.

SRP

## WATTS SAFE AND WATTS NOT

Electricity is so easy to use, and so invisible, that most of us take it for granted. If used incorrectly, however, this great source of power can cause a lot of damage and even death; last year 1,100 people died in residential fires of electrical origin.

To find out how much savvy you have about electrical safety, try the following true-false quiz.

■ If you have adequate wiring, you don't need to unplug counter-top appliances when they are not in use.  
**FALSE.** Unattended, plugged-in appliances constitute an unnecessary risk.

■ A new cord will perform more efficiently if you leave it neatly coiled when in use.  
**FALSE.** Tightly wrapped or coiled cords can become overheated, creating a fire hazard.

■ Circuit breakers should not be fiddled with unless there is a problem.  
**FALSE.** Turn circuit-breaker switches off and on once or twice a year to keep them in good working order.

■ There is no harm in using an electric blanket under a comforter.  
**FALSE.** An electric blanket should not have anything on top of it—including your pet—while in use.

■ As long as the base fits the socket, it's safe to use any size bulb in any light fixture.  
**FALSE.** Check the fixture or its carton for recommended wattage. When in doubt, use no more than 60 watts.

■ Unsightly cords can safely be run under a carpet.  
**FALSE.** Overheating could occur.

■ It is unsafe to repair a worn or damaged cord with electrical tape.  
**TRUE.** A single exposed wire could give you an electric shock or burn. Instead, buy a new cord.



### Extension Cords

Before you buy, read the wrapper and the cord to be sure you're getting the right one. They are not all the same. Ask yourself what you are going to use it for.

■ Will you be using it outdoors with a hedge-trimmer, saw or other tool? Then you need a heavy-duty cord.

■ Do you want to accommodate more than one appliance? If so, buy a cord with a double or triple socket.

■ Will you need an extension cord with a three-pronged receptacle to accommodate a three-pronged plug?

Remember, the sum of the electrical loads connected to an extension cord must never be more than the electrical capacity of the cord. A cord should be marked with its electrical capacity in amperes or watts. Appliances and other electrical products will also be marked with this information.

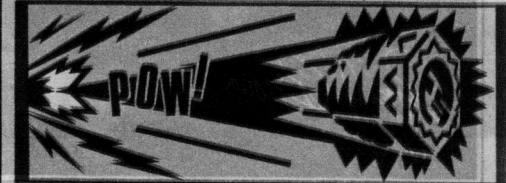
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■ Don't let a plugged-in appliance or extension cord rest on a damp counter. Dry your hands before plugging

in or unplugging any cord. And by all means don't touch any electrical switch or appliance while in the bathtub.  
■ Be sure all plugs fit snugly into sockets. Loose-fitting plugs can cause the cord to overheat. If the plug won't fit, replace it. Or if the outlet itself is at fault, replace it.  
■ Don't store papers near any plugged-in equipment.  
■ Don't let a cord come into contact with a hot surface.



### Don't Blow a Fuse

Some appliances use more electricity than others. To avoid blowing fuses or shutting down the circuit, consult the chart below, developed by Underwriters Laboratories. (This guide does not apply to large appliances such as ranges and clothes dryers, which should always be on separate circuits.)

The key to the chart: Never plug two appliances in the

"red" category into a double outlet, or into separate outlets on the same circuit. The same applies to a "red" and a "black" appliance if the combined wattage exceeds 1,500 watts. Generally, two appliances in the "black" grouping can be plugged into the same outlet, so can a combination of one "black" and one or two appliances from the "gray" category, provided the total wattage does not exceed 1,500 watts.

**1,000 to 1,500 watts**  
Air conditioner (window); portable heater; clothes washer; dishwasher; frostless, side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (19 cubic feet and up); hair dryer; iron; microwave oven; sandwich grill; electric skillet; toaster.

**300 to 800**  
Blender; food processor; coffeemaker; attic fan; freezer (15 cubic feet); projector; record player; frostless refrigerator (12 to 19 cubic feet); TV (tube); vacuum cleaner; food-waste disposer.

**Up to 200 watts**  
Electric blanket; can opener; clock; fan; heating pad; mixer; refrigerator (12 cubic feet); sewing machine; shaver; tape recorder; typewriter; TV (solid state).

Be watchful of a clothes washer that has excessive movement while operating. Such movement can put undue stress on the electrical connection.  
■ Replace an electric blanket that has worn or charred spots or has breaks in the wiring, plugs or connectors.  
■ Never file or cut the plug of an extension cord or appliance cord to make it fit into an undersize socket.

This note to John I did not mail today. Very possibly I will tomorrow. JVB came by CATHS today & we talked for a few minutes. I could have handed it to him but did not. It will have more impact if received in the mail.

SRP clipped this page from the Call's and gave it to me—she wanted me to see the part about electric blankets in particular.

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CATHS called at 6:20 AM; a second "call" came at 6:22 AM—very probably Lakeland. As much as I prefer Lakeland I was pleased to go to Carbondale because I had to get my oil changed + new filter at Smithy's (called by <sup>and somewhere</sup> me, "Smithy's"). Dropped the car off at 8 AM & walked down Main Street to 8th Avenue—Jack Babermiak was driving Kathy to school and picked me up on 8th at about River Street. I congratulated him on his deer (6 points) and he was pleased; Richard took today off because he, too, got a buck yesterday (4 points). WSP reported Co. Sori that Alec Schunt got an 8-point buck. Today I "subbed" 1 baby sat for Maureen Musari's classes:

- A - Musci 9 - show film strip #4 - Rock & Roll era
- B - Distinct Chorus Rehearsal - Chorus Room
- C - same as A
- D - Lunch
- E - Distinct Chorus Rehearsal - Chorus Room
- G - Study Hall - Bandroom
- H - Junior Begin Chorus
- I - Musari theory
- K - preparation

Joe L. Long  
Mark Arthur  
They have been in classes that I've had before & were very friendly.

a very unusual-- and early-- day; I was able to type my letter of today to Sherbinie & also re-type my 'résumé' (copies posted down here)

In A Period was Sam De Nungis— who played the piano for us; we all gathered around— more on Sam below.

JVB appeared at one point; his father obviously told him that I was at CATHS today. JVB went to Secanton on Friday & stayed over at his aunt Anna's— his paternal grandmother's sister. JVB is now